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For: MEANS FOR IDENTIFYING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES
INVOLVED IN APOMIXIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 6, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and insert "--claim 1--";

Claim 8, line 1, please delete "any one of the above claims" and insert "--claim 1--";

Claim 9, line 1, please delete "or 7";

Claim 12, line 2, please delete "or 11";

Please cancel claim 15 in its entirety, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 16, line 3, please delete "or 11".